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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003, no copies of such documents are enclosed. Copies of the other listed documents are, however, enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, in the specification if cited or in the English language abstracts if attached. Also, the concise explanation of relevance for JP 6-326073; JP 62-165939 (JP 7-

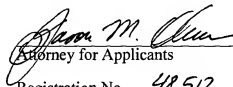
19765 B2); and JP 5-275412 may be found in corresponding U.S. Patent Nos. 5,520,744; 4,746,397; and 5,331,987.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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